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Applicant : Whiteford et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute claims in Group I (claims 1-58) without traverse. With respect to the species restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute claims in Species I (claims 37-38). Once one or more of claims 1-36 which the Examiner has determined to be generic to the elected and non-elected species is/are allowed, all of the remaining claims in Group I drawn to species II-XII (i.e., claims 39-58), in addition to the elected species I claims 37-38, should also be allowable in view of the allowance of the generic claim(s), since the additional species will depend thereon or otherwise include all of the limitations thereof. MPEP 809.02(c)(B)(1).

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for early examination, and action toward that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

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believes that a telephone interview would expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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